

COURT OF JUSTICE
Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund (cash or bonds)

2012-2014

(Projects listed by agency priority; descriptions are from the agency submission)

1. E-Case and Docket Management System, Phase I **\$28,132,000**

The Kentucky Courts of Justice process over one million cases each year. The current computerized case management system is well past its normal life expectancy and has become both functionally and technically obsolete. The system is used by Circuit Court Clerks, Circuit, Family, and District Courts, and AOC staff in over 130 locations. The core code was originally purchased from the CMS vendor, Sustain. Later, in-house AOC developers rewrote the user interface in Visual Basic 6. The user interface is uniform statewide, and it is hosted on distributed, local Microsoft servers. After the user interface, in-house AOC developers rewrote the backend database in SQL. The 1980's era distributed network model greatly increases cost and complexity in maintaining the more than 300 databases and multiple add-on applications required to support court functions. Visual Basic 6 is beyond end-of-life, and we are at substantial risk. In order to avoid an eventual, catastrophic system failure, provide greater access to information to both court staff and legislature, and provide the foundation for electronic filing, the case management system must be replaced. In addition to replacing the current case management functionality, all data will be centralized and protected by redundant data centers. Network connections will be upgraded and augmented with redundant, internet VPN connections. The new web-based system will address many shortcomings of the current system, as well as provide a flexible platform for future court needs. Support for a business rules engine will allow quick adaptation to changes in statutes and court rules, while providing workflow automation to trigger and schedule events based on case types and process flows. Adequate data validation will reduce incorrect data entry and provide greater quality data that can be made available to the public quicker. E-filing and document management will reduce costs, increase caseload capacity, have 24/7 access. (IT)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *New project request*
- *Funding for this three-phase project is proposed in 2014-16 (\$20,166,000) and 2016-18 (\$14,650,000).*
- *Project cost elements include \$9,500,000 for hardware; \$1,134,000 for software; and \$10,298,000 for professional services. Other cost elements include \$7,200,000 for maintenance, communication costs, and updates.*

2014-2016

E-Case and Docket Management System, Phase II \$20,166,000

2016-2018

E-Case and Docket Management System, Phase III \$14,650,000

For the projects listed below,
amounts would be appropriated from the ***General Fund***
for use allowance payments that support the debt service
for local bonds issued to construct the project.

Construction of Judicial Center - Nicholas Co. \$10,868,000

Construction of a 31,500 square foot judicial facility to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions, which include, but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerk, Drug Court, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice operations. The new judicial center will be in a rural county, is projected to meet the needs of the county for at least 50 years, and will be 100% occupied by the Court of Justice. AOC has an executed Memorandum of Understanding with the County. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This project was included in the Judicial Branch's 2002-2008 Capital plan. The project has increased in scope from \$6,640,000 to \$10,868,000.*
- *The annual use allowance is \$978,700. Construction is estimated to cost \$7,456,000.*

Construction of Judicial Center - Henry Co. \$12,750,000

Construction of a 37,500 square foot judicial facility to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions, which include, but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerk, Drug Court, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice operations. The new judicial center will be in a rural county, is projected to meet the needs of the county for at least 50 years, and will be 100% occupied by the Court of Justice. AOC has an executed Memorandum of Understanding with the County. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *The annual use allowance is \$1,154,000. Construction is estimated to cost \$8,905,000.*
- *This project has appeared in previous capital plans, dating back to the 2002-2008 plan. The project has increased in size and in scope, from \$9,505,000 to \$12,750,000.*

2014-2016

(Projects listed in alphabetical order)

Construction of Judicial Center - project #3	\$11,079,000
Construction of Judicial Center - project #4	13,579,000

2016-2018

(Projects listed in alphabetical order)

Construction of Judicial Center - project #5	\$11,876,000
Construction of Judicial Center - project #6	11,876,000